



# The Town of Fenwick Island

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## Questions and Answers About Recycling Yard Waste in Fenwick Island

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The State of Delaware, through both law and regulation, is bringing about changes in the way that every resident handles waste products from both inside and outside of our homes. Your Town Council has been proactive in the effort to divert solid waste from our landfills. The current recycling program puts your town on the leading edge of the recently enacted universal curbside recycling law.

Recycling disposal containers are available for those who do not currently use this service. They are provided through our service vendor, Allied Waste. And, by the Fall of 2011, the Town of Fenwick Island should be very close to achieving the goal set forth in the State of Delaware mandate.

Another change to consider is the yard waste "ban" that has taken effect – as of January 1, 2011.

Regulations promulgated by the Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) restrict the disposal of vegetation and other yard debris by all waste haulers. This means that Moor Disposal *will not* pick-up bags of leaves, bundled sticks or other similar items left by your garbage can. Co-mingling of these items with your household waste is not allowed, either.

Your Town Council is sensitive about raising taxes or fees of any kind. Over the last four years, operating expenses have been trimmed by 10%. This change requires, however, that a decision be made as to whether or not services should *be added*. All options are being considered.

Proposals for yard waste disposal services are being solicited. These services would apply to all homes – no matter how frequently or infrequently the service is used. There are alternatives that you may wish to consider. They offer you individual choice and personal control of the expense.

- The DSWA collection station at Omar, Delaware accepts yard waste - visit [www.dswa.com](http://www.dswa.com) for facility hours, rates and directions
- A list of private haulers and disposal sites is available from the state Department of Natural Resources at [www.dnrec.delaware.gov/yardwaste/Pages/Default.aspx](http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/yardwaste/Pages/Default.aspx)
- You may wish to contact a landscaping or lawn service to do this for you
- You may also wish to learn how to compost mulch on your own property

*If you choose to compost on your own yard, please be mindful that there is a technique that assures proper breakdown of your organic material and minimizes any undesirable impact upon your neighbors.*

Your Council and staff work hard to ensure the best services at the lowest practical cost. Your thoughtful consideration of our efforts to meet these new challenges is truly appreciated.